Employment opportunities for Tribals and Women

3395. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any specific schemes have been formulated by Government to create employment opportunities in the Urban areas for the tribals and women;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have not focused on the stark un-imployment and under-employment situation prevailing in the cities;

(c) whether there is anything specific which could be offered to various cities to create employment opportunities;

(d) the details of such plan proposed by Government; and

(e) the funds spent on this aspect by Government during the year 2004-05?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (e) In the urban areas, Ministry of Urban Employment & Poverty Alleviation is implementing an employment oriented Urban Poverty Alleviation Scheme named Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), on all India basis, with effect from 1.12.1997. The scheme envisages to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed and underemployed poor through, firstly, encouraging the setting up of self-employment ventures by those who have studied upto 9th standard and, secondly, by providing wage employment by utilising their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets.

Special attention is given to women, persons belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and disabled persons under SJSRY. The percentage of women beneficiaries under the Scheme should not be less than 30%. Also, the Scheduled Tribes must be benefited at least to the extent of the proportion of their strength in the local population.

During 2004-05, Rs. 123.00 crore was utilized under the Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY).